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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [078] with the following amended paragraph:

[078] As particularly shown in Figure 4a, the reinforcement units 222 include reinforcement bar members 214, vertical rod members 216 and connectors 220. Reinforcement units 222 are directly connected to and reinforce only the single panel member 212 and no other panel member of any other panel unit. However, instead of a spacer rod as described above, spacer flange members 218 are provided. As specifically shown in Figure 4b, flange members 218 have a flange 218e and a shaft portion 218f having an end 218d. Shaft portion 218f and head portion 218e are mounted preferably for slidable movement on a portion of rod 216. Rod 216 also passes into a shaft portion 220a to connector 220, in a manner previously described in relation to connector 120. The end 220d of connector shaft portion 220a is also configured to engage head portion 218e of flange 218, when connector 220 is tightened on rod 216. In this way, as a connector 220 is tightened drawing the panel material 212 towards the reinforcement member 214, end 218d of shaft 218f will come into abutment with the reinforcement member 214, and connector end 220d will contact flange head 218e. In this way, the panel material 212 can be compressed to some degree between flange head 218e and the head of connector 220. This ensures a rigid or semi-rigid connection between form panel units 222 and panel 212 and also ensures proper spacing of reinforcement bar members 213 from the inner surface 224 of the panel 212.

Please replace paragraphs [086], [087], and [088] with the following amended paragraphs:

[086] Panels 412 and 413 are rigidly held in such space relation by reinforcement units 422. Reinforcement units each comprise rod members 416 having at one end, connectors 421 secured and attached thereto and at the other end, connectors 420 attached thereto. Connectors 421 and 420 can be like connectors 120 but connect to rods 416 at each end in the same manner. Panel 413 is held in slight compression between spacer bar 418 which is rigidly interconnected and secured to rods 416 and connectors 420. Likewise panel 412 is held in slight compression between connectors 421 and spacer rod 419. Positioned in

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vertically spaced relation to both panel 412 and rod 419 on the one hand and spacer rod 418 and panel 413 on the other, is central transverse reinforcement bar member 414. Thus, the combination of panels 412, 413 and several longitudinally spaced, reinforcement units 422 (in transverse parallel relation), comprised a rigid unit which is suitable for being mounted and suspended on composite beam members [[420]]440.

[087] As shown in Figure 6d, composite beam members [[420]]440 each include a pair of generally C-shaped channel beams 425, 427 oriented in face-to-face relation and interconnected to each other by a generally U-shaped longitudinally extending channel member 423 which can be made for example from tin with gauge 18 or other suitable materials, and which interconnects to an upper web portion of each of beams 427 and 425 by structural connectors such as self-threaded screws. Each of beams 425 and 427 has aligned transverse apertures 441, like apertures 141, to permit the passage of ducts and wiring and the like. Also, each of beams 425, 427 has vertically opening apertures 480 which function like apertures 180 as described below.

[088] The transverse width of panel 413 is selected to produce a tight compression fit against the upper web portion of a beam 425 of one of a pair of spaced composite beams [[420]]440 and against the upper web portion of a beam 427 of the other of the pair of spaced composition beams [[420]]440, as shown. In this embodiment, the panel unit 410 can simply be lowered more or less straight vertically down, with the panel 413 being pressure fit between beams [[420]]440. In the embodiment shown, no additional sealing mechanism or device is provided between the panel 413 and the beam members. If desired, however, sealing mechanisms between panel 413 and the surfaces of the beams [[427]]425, 427 could also be provided.